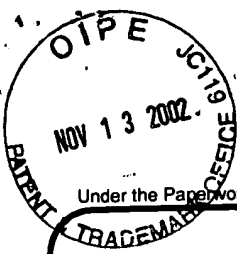


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In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4, 6 and 8-36 without prejudice or disclaimer thereof.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. An oligonucleotide having nucleotide sequence of from 15 to about 26 nucleotides that inhibits one or more specific histone deacetylase isoforms, but less than all histone deacetylase isoforms, wherein the oligonucleotide is complementary to a region of RNA or double-stranded DNA that encodes a portion of HDAC-1 (SEQ ID NO: 2).

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